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INSTRUCTION and TERMS.

[The paper is printed in the following sized type.]

This Prospectus fills a two fold purpose; it is in itself a warning, and opens the way for those who have a premonition of foreboding evils, to become better acquainted with the scriptures that unfold the true situation of things. Experience shows that but few will seek to know of these things, but all must be given an equal opportunity.

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TEXT: "So likewise ye when ye shall see all these things, know that He is near, even at the doors." Matt. 24:33.

THE end will come sometime; the Judgment will set; probation will close; Christ will return. God has promised it. We believe it. Do you? Why may it not be near? Somebody will live to see it. Why not we? Do you say that you see no signs of his coming? The people in the days of Noah saw no signs of the flood, and yet it was right upon them. Matt. 24:38, 40. So it will be in the last days. "There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." 2 Peter 3:3, 4.

The advent of Jesus is ignored and scoffed at by many. We warn you to be careful that that day does not come upon you unawares. In Dan. 2:31-44 God has given a prophetic outline of the history of the world, under the image of a man. Commencing with Babylon, there were to be four great kingdoms, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, and Rome, the last divided into ten parts. After that the end of the world will come. Please read that chapter. All admit that this prophecy is now fulfilled, except that part relating to the end. The great prophecy of the 2300 years of Dan. 8:14, pointing to the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary, the work of the Judgment, also ends about this time. See Scott, Fletcher, and others upon this question. There are ten distinct chains of prophecy in the Bible, each one pointing to the end of time and the setting up of God's kingdom. It is now generally admitted that we are in the last link of each of them. Many ministers in all denominations are now preaching the end near. All classes are expecting some great revolution soon to occur, tho they know not what it is to be. Lk. 21:25-32.

In answer to the question, "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Matt. 24:3, Jesus says, "And the Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Matt. 24:14. He does not say that all nations shall believe the gospel, be converted by it, and have a thousand years' millennium before the end. But the people will know that such a doctrine is being preached. Many heard about the birth of Christ, (Matt. 2:3) but it proved rather to harden their hearts.

The simple fact that the Lord mentions signs of his Second Advent, is the best proof that we are not to remain in ignorance of the nearness of the event.

As a definite sign of the end, and to show when the last generation has come, the Lord foretold that the sun and moon should be darkened, and that the stars should fall. This sign is made very prominent in the Bible, every time in the same order, with the same events following. See the following scriptures: "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come." Joel 2:30, 31.

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall (1) the sun be darkened, and (2) the moon shall not give her light, and (3) the stars shall fall from heaven, and (4) the powers of the heavens shall be shaken." And then (after this fourth sign) shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Now learn a parable of the fig-tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh. So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation (that witnesses the fourth sign) shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." Matt. 24:29-34.

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Lk. 21:25-28.

"And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig-tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6:12-17.

Three of these signs have been remarkably fulfilled. (1.) May 19, 1780, the sun was darkened,

according to the prophecy. Beginning to grow dark about the middle of the forenoon, it became so dark at noon that persons could not see to read without lighting their lamps. The Legislature of Connecticut, being in session, had to adjourn; it was so dark that the fowls went to roost; cattle came lowing to the barn-yard; frogs began to peep; the night-hawks came out, and everything bore the appearance of, and was shrouded with, the gloom of night. The uncommon darkness lasted fourteen hours, or till after midnight. It could not have been an eclipse of the sun, as the moon was full, and a total eclipse lasts only about five minutes. Scientific men have never been able to give a reason for it. So remarkable was this day that Noah Webster has noticed it in his dictionary as "The Dark Day." See Explanatory and Pronouncing Vocabulary of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. That night, though the moon had full the day before, was so dark that white paper could not be distinguished from the blackest velvet a few inches from the eyes. One writer says it was so dark that the darkness could be felt. The general impression was that it was a sign of the day of God, and that the Judgment was at hand.

2. The darkening and blood-red appearance of the moon is spoken of by the following eminent authorities:—

"The night succeeding that day (May 19, 1780) was of such pitchy darkness that in some instances horses could not be compelled to get to the stable when wanted for service."—*Stone's History of Beverly (Mass.).*

"My father and mother, who were pious, thought the day of Judgment was near. They sat up that night, during the latter part of which they said the darkness disappeared, and then the sky seemed as usual, but the moon, which was at its full, had the appearance of blood. The alarm that it caused and the frequent talk about it impressed it deeply on my mind."—*Milo Bostwick.*

3. Nov. 13, 1833, the stars fell. Thousands are now living who witnessed that remarkable shower. Prof. Olmsted, the celebrated astronomer of Yale College, says, "Those who were so fortunate as to witness the exhibition of shooting stars on the morning of Nov. 13, 1833, probably saw the greatest display of celestial fireworks that has ever been seen since the creation of the world." So remarkable was the falling of the stars that it is put down in books on physical geography, natural philosophy, and astronomy, as the most wonderful ever known; they fell thick and fast, like snow-flakes in a heavy storm. It looked as though the very heavens were raining balls of fire. This is just what the prophecy foretold. The Lord says, When you see these things, know that the end is near. "Then look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh."

4. What is the fourth sign, and when will it fulfill? Prophetic history determines this. The fulfillment of Dan. 11:44, (Turkey's expulsion from Europe) marks the time of this event, described as "Michael's standing up for his people," (Dan. 12:1) and as "the shaking of the powers of heaven," (Lk. 21:26). Then will men's hearts fail them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. Read Joel 3:15, 16. Terrible as it will be to the unbeliever, it is a joy to the children of God, for "their redemption draweth nigh." [THE GOSPEL REVIEW will give many facts and citations on this important event. Every well-informed man knows that the life of the "Sick Man of the East" (Turkey) is but of short duration.]

A spirit of war, and great preparations for war were to be another sign of the end. See Rev. 11:18; Joel 3:9-15. Now look over the world. See the vast military camps. See the wonderful preparations for war everywhere, the terrible weapons of destruction which are being formed. Says a secular paper, "From every quarter of the globe come rumors of wars or of warlike preparations." Again, "The nations are arming as with a prophetic understanding that a terrible and portentous crisis is at hand." They are preparing for the battle of the great day.

God would have His people purify themselves in obeying the truth through the Spirit, being born again by the word of God, and to look for His return: "Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Is this the condition of the professed church of Christ today? No, on the contrary, it is as foretold in the Bible as another sign of the end near. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholly, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away." 2 Tim. 3:1-5. Particularly were love of money, love of pleasure, formality, etc., to be prevalent sins among those professing godliness. This was to be the condition of things. Alas, the picture is but too truly filled up. The old simplicity and the power of God have died out of the churches. The Lord asks everyone "Can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

By most people, the evidences of the soon coming of Christ are considered insufficient to base faith upon. But the testimony of one man condemned the people destroyed by the flood. The evidences then were sufficient, otherwise the world would not have been condemned. But a hundred times more convincing evidences come pouring in upon us that the day of the Lord is near, and hasteth greatly. We follow down the numerous prophetic chains of Daniel and of the

Revelation, and we find ourselves in every instance standing just before the day of wrath. We find signs spoken of by prophets, by Christ himself, fulfilling, or fulfilled. And at the same time, and in the right manner, to fulfill the prophecies, a solemn message arises from all parts of the world: "Blow ye the trumpet, ye, and sound an alarm in my holy land, to meet all the inhabitants of the land, because the day of the Lord cometh, for it is near." Joel 2:1. Wherever we look we find signs fulfilling. While the knowledge of the spirit of holiness are departing, spiritual darkness, like a flood covers the land.

The faithful watchman who sounds the alarm, as he sees destruction coming, is held up before the people from the pulpits of our land, and by the religious press, as a "fanatic," a "teacher of dangerous heresies;" while in contrast is set forth a long period of peace and prosperity to the church. So the churches are quieted to sleep. The scoffer continues to scoff, and the mocker mocks on. But their day is coming. Thus saith the prophet of God: "Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt. Isa. 13:6, 7. Read Isa. 29:11, 12; Zeph. 1:14-18.

Now, the ministers of truth have a message to the people and gladly speak the words of life. They joyfully toll on, and spend their energies in preaching to hearts as hard as steel, hoping that a few may be reached, gathered into the truth, and saved. But then, "In the day of the Lord's wrath," they will have no message. Now, their prayers and strong cries go up to Heaven in behalf of sinners. Then, they will have no spirit of prayer for them. Now, the church says to the sinner, Come; and Jesus stands ready to plead His blood in his behalf, that he may be washed from his sin, and live. But then, salvation's hour will be passed, and the sinner will be shut up in darkness and black despair.

What is Bible Sanctification?

Entire Sanctification is a complete conformity to the will of God with respect to the law of God, the Faith of Jesus, and the Prophecies.

1. With reference to the law of God, it is to examine ourselves in the light of the law to see whether we are obedient to its requirements.

The heart that trembleth at the word of God examines into the spiritual meaning of the ten great precepts of Jehovah, Ex. 20, of which Jesus prays, "Thy will (the law) be done on earth as it is in heaven." Ps. 103:20. We may also be defiled in many ways by transgressing the testimonies of the Lord. See Ex. 19:10, 15, 22; Acts 10:14; Lev. 11; Isa. 3:16-24; etc. Paul says "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is [to be] holy, which temple ye are. Let no man deceive himself."

2. With reference to the Laws of Atonement, it is to worship God acceptably, in the manner prescribed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If we do not make the necessary preparation to be clean and holy, "free from all filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit," preceding the ordinances of the Gospel, the Lord says to us, "I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. Though ye offer me burnt offerings, I will not accept them. . . . But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream." "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer and while they are speaking I will hear."

Note: The same purpose and integrity of heart is required today of the participants of the Communion, as was at the altars of the Old Covenant. Hence, the Old Testament examples are frequently cited. In reading the references to Amos 5:21, supplement in your understanding the ordinance of the New Covenant (Matt. 26:28) for that of the Old (Lev. 17:11), for a more perfect elucidation of the design of the New Covenant worship. I fear that "Apostasy, Apostasy," is written over the door of EVERY temple of worship.

3. With reference to the Prophecies, it makes known to us, and prepares us for, "the hour of judgment" and for the Call when "all things are ready" for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. "Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him." If we prepare to meet Him, washing our robes of character in the "blood of the Lamb" and in the "pure water of the word of God", and watch for His return, our house will not be broken up. He says, Behold, I come as a thief; . . . but know this, that if the good man of the house had known what watch the thief would come, he would have watched and not suffered his house to be broken up. Unless we search the Scriptures and know "the time of His appearing," how can it be said of us: "unto them who look for Him, shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation?"

A Painful Truth.

At the announcement of a great DEARTH and FAMINE now about due us, the reader may be a little skeptical, but if at all convinced at the evidences of the approach of the Coming of the Son of Man, when he reads the evidences of the great Dearth, he will be doubly convinced. Many and self-evident prophecies point to its sure coming. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets."

The reader of this page may judge of the amount of information he can receive on 128 pages. Every article will be terse and to the point. The index shows the variety of subjects discussed. Do not at this opportunity slip, as we do not expect to canvass the territory but once.

We received a gift from a lady sufficient to pay the expense of sending this Prospectus to 1,600,000 families. Who will help us next?

AN OPEN LETTER.

Dear Reader:—After you have carefully read this paper, and considered it, does it seem incredible to you that God should condescend to take one of your brethren and open his understanding to more light upon the Scriptures? It is written, "Surely the Lord will do nothing, but he revealeth his secrets unto his servants, the prophets." Amos 3: 7; Gen. 6: 13; 18: 17; Ps. 25: 14; John 15: 15.

It has seemed good and proper to me to give a short sketch of my experience in the things of God, and a partial synopsis of the Index to the GOSPEL REVIEW, so that the reader may comprehend in a measure its contents, and, if he be at all gifted with common sense, may, by reading the GOSPEL REVIEW, obtain the key to much valuable knowledge, and during the coming reformation that will arise so suddenly (in the next few months), he may know what is truth and what is error. These [false] reformation whose doctrines and views are legion, precede the coming judgments. Rev. 7: 1-3; Jer. 15: 1-3; Eze. 14: 12-23.

Like the dying who, a few hours before death forever closes their mortal career, revive and thus cause their friends to hope for their speedy recovery, so these reformation deceive those inexperienced in the things of God. The Scriptures plainly teach that Satan will appear as an angel of light, (but he may be known, if we know the true doctrines of the Scriptures), and will "raise an excitement in all religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest, and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches and take their stand with the remnant." Spiritual Gifts, p. 123.

These reformation are of very short duration, being interrupted by the displeasure of God,—the Lord's anger (Luke 14: 21), the blowing of the four winds (Rev. 7: 1-3). The cause of God's displeasure, as seen from the Scriptures, is the rejection of the messages (four in all), that have been sent among us during the last half century. The Jews could have known what to do to prepare for the advent of their Lord (Matt. 3); but the majority did not heed the warning, and the Lord "sent forth his armies and destroyed those murderers and burned up their city," (Matt. 22: 7, A. D. 70). So we to-day shall suffer a like experience unless we make the necessary preparation to escape it, to wit: [1] to know about "the hour of His judgment" [Dan. 8: 14; Rev. 14: 7] and [2] to have on the wedding garment [Matt. 22: 11-14; Rev. 14: 9-12], and be ready for the Call to Supper. [Rev. 19: 7-10; Luke 14: 17].

What is Bible Sanctification and What is it to "Eat and Drink Damnation?" Search the Scriptures that are cited in this Prospectus and, better still, send for the GOSPEL REVIEW and study these things in detail. It will show how that in rejecting fundamental truths, a people may become lukewarm, and introduce heresies, and become apostate. A broken law and corrupted worship are the primary causes of a church going into darkness. A refusal to repair the breaches and to restore the paths to dwell in, is followed by a removal of their privileges and opportunities. Rev. 2: 5. The condition of the church to-day, *i. e.* the one that has for years borne a part of the Third Angel's Message, is one of "lukewarmness"; they think themselves "in need of nothing", but are about to be "spued out". Rev. 3: 16, 17. Now another angel [Rev. 18: 1-3], taking up the message of Rev. 14: 9-12, carries the gospel to a benighted world.

God will witness to it, first by sending warnings and instructions, as to how he may be acceptably worshiped according to the Scriptures, and second, by sending judgments, that the people may learn righteousness (Isa. 26: 9), while it is yet graciously offered them. By long continued peace every man does that which seemeth right in his own eyes, and seals himself for destruction, and the sure mercies of Christ are in vain to him, but the Lord chasteneth whom He loveth.

With these prefatory remarks I will now proceed to answer the reader's query as to how I came into possession of these things. I will merely relate the simple facts; the doctrines we hold will witness to their truthfulness. I was born and raised in northern Indiana. Having

received a fair common school education, I used it to no good purpose however,—to find my way out of the "city of destruction". While living in northern Michigan, I became acquainted with the doctrines of the Third Angel's Message, *i. e.* the advent near, the immutability and perpetuity of the law of God, the Testimony of Jesus or Spirit of Prophecy, etc., etc. My wife and I accepted it and were baptized. The Holy Spirit gave us a deep impression of the significance of the message. Their writings seemed like an inspired commentary on the Bible. We felt as though we would sin if we were disobedient to the least testimony. [Matt. 5: 19] for we felt that we must appear before the judgment seat of Christ. John 12: 48.

With these thoughts and feelings,—the inspiration of the Spirit of God—we naturally turned toward those who had never yet accepted the gospel of Rev. 14: 9-12, the Third Angel's Message. Unfortunately we had no one to inform us that we were living in a time [in 1882] of great moral and spiritual declension of the church. We thought all of the brethren holy, but circumstantial evidence proved that we needed much scriptural information as to what constitutes true holiness unto the Lord.

We felt deeply impressed that a system of missionary work ought to be devised, through which every family in every school district might have an equal opportunity to examine the evidences of this gospel and that they might "judge righteous judgment". God is merciful to men and warns them, addressing their reason by opening their understanding. But he that closes his understanding, will blindly fall into the ditch. Matt. 15: 14. We felt the more anxious because we had lived near those who, though possessing a knowledge of these things that begat in us such a lively hope, yet failed to acquaint us with them. No doubt this was partly due to the want of a thorough and systematic plan of work among them.

We made this difficulty a subject of much prayer. Our prayer was very signally answered on this wise. One day, being impressed more than usual with the necessity of a better canvassing system, I went to consult with a minister of like faith who lived eleven miles from our home. It was late in the afternoon when I started: the road was mostly through woods and a hemlock and cedar swamp. The night was dark and cloudy, but I trudged on, often feeling my way under the shadow of the dense hemlock foliage. My thoughts were so fixed upon how that I might reach the people, that I knelt down in the midst of this darkness and asked the Lord to give power and wisdom to men that they might reach every soul that would hear. Suddenly a light, bright as the sunlight, shone around me. A voice said, "all power will be given you." This was the second time I had heard an audible voice. The first time was just a few months before I began to study the Scriptures in the light of the Third Angel's Message. The voice came to me early in the morning, about the hour of sunrise, saying in a clear and distinct tone, "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

Instead of obtaining the co-operation of older brethren to direct my energies, my motives were malign. Through false and exaggerated reports I was turned out of the church, after I had moved from northern Michigan to Indiana. I was not even given a chance to speak for myself. These ambassadors of Christ did violence to the authority committed unto them. I had looked upon what my brethren did as righteous, and that what they "bound out on earth was bound out in heaven" *i. e.* that God set a seal to their work as righteous. I was tempted by Satan almost more than I was able to bear. The words of Matt. 18: 18 haunted me day and night until I declared myself utterly hopeless and lost; yet I dared not break the commandments of God.

One day I was working alone in the field, when suddenly a change came over me, and I felt in my heart the smile of God, and my hardness gave way to tears of joy that I could not find words to express. I went to the house to tell my companion of the fresh experience; I had had. She was not in the house; but my Bible laid open, where I had left it, when trying to find some passage of comfort. When I looked upon its precious pages, Jer. 31: 18-21 seemed to rise an inch

above the page and appeared illuminated. This occurred again and again in my experience while reading many passages and chapters. I will cite you to a few; Rev. 18: 1-3; Mal. 3: 1; Heb. 10: 35-39; 2 Cor. 13: 5; Luke 12: 3-12; Rev. 3: 7-13; Matt. 7: 6-15. The profane and disbelieving may deem this incredible, but those who know of the doctrine, "having tasted of the good things to come", know that I have spoken the truth. To those who deny the works of the Spirit, Jesus said, "Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things." "If the light that is in thee become darkness, how great is that darkness!" I was never after tempted by the words of Matt. 18: 18. Satan was vanquished by the word of God. Jesus had rebuked him. Matt. 4: 1-10.

Hope now revived and we entered into the study of entire sanctification, as well as how the spreading of the message might be accomplished.

Through frequent fastings and much prayer sin began to look exceedingly sinful, and we trembled lest we and the children would be found unworthy of the kingdom of God. Anna, our daughter [age 14], had a very active conscience and seemed to understand the Scriptures; not as a teacher, but as one that is obedient unto a faithful master. While fasting Aug. 23, 1884, she was given a vision of the Call to Supper according to the prophecy of Rev. 19: 7-10. In a subsequent vision her accompanying angel said, "the parable of Luke 14: 17, 18, is now fulfilling."

Her first vision related to the subject of Entire sanctification and the doctrines of the atonement or "Faith of Jesus." She saw but few walking upon the thorny path of righteousness, following Jesus and looking into the Scriptures, Rev. 3: 4, but many were looking at the counterfeits that seemed to them so beautiful and like a reflection of heaven, and were going down to destruction. Said Jesus, "were there not ten cleansed, where are the nine?" She saw them going down to a place where they could not get back. Heb. 6: 4-6. I was afraid to publish the vision to my brethren, when Jer. 15 became suddenly illuminated, and a fear of the Lord came upon me such as I had never before experienced. Those who will deny this Call when once understood, will enter the soon-coming judgments—the Lord's anger, Luke 14: 21, unprepared to meet them, and if no repentance is found by them, they may read the judgment, that the Lord Jesus passed upon such, in verse 24. My brethren denied the divinity of the Spirit of Prophecy with us in 1884, and we were bidden to leave their midst; we left Battle Creek and came to northern Michigan. Though many visions were given, unfolding the order of events, we were not bidden to publish our views until 1893, when the Testimony of Jesus [Rev. 12: 17], said to us, "It is time to publish." The readers of the GOSPEL REVIEW may have the benefit of these views as applied to the study of Entire Sanctification, pursued under the following three general lines of articles: 1.—the Law of God; 2.—Faith of Jesus, His atonement; the Heavenly Sanctuary, Its Cleansing, and 3.—the Sure word of Prophecy; with the order of the Coming Events, numbers one to eleven. Ps. 91 was pointed out to her in vision as having special reference to the soon coming punishments spoken of in Rev. 7: 1-3 and Eze. 14: 12-23.

We will publish an old prophecy of a man who predicted for the American nation five events, four of which have already fulfilled to the letter; the fifth now appears to all wide awake and thinking men and women as most likely to fulfill. Another prophecy, of a German, who predicted things to come to pass in Europe, and also Civil War and financial depression in the U. S., which have had their exact fulfillment. The twenty fifth [the present incumbent] was to be our last president, and social unrest, wars and seismic disturbances [earthquakes] were to follow.

We will give the interpretation of six plain self-evident prophecies of the Scriptures five of, which have already fulfilled in the last fifty years, as admitted even by skeptical minds; the sixth one foretells of "four bad punishments," [German translation of Eze. 14: 21.] that are now about due us.

Lack of space forbids further remarks. These subjects will be given ample space in The GOSPEL REVIEW and its Extras. If the reader will turn to every text of Scripture cited, he will be much enlightened.

THE PROPHECIES OF MEN AND WOMEN, AND OF THE BIBLE, POINT TO "FOUR BAD PUNISHMENTS"

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BEFORE EVERY GREAT DISASTER, GOD HAS SENT WARNINGS TO MEN. HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THESE WARNINGS COLLATED, AND THEIR EXACT FULFILLMENT NOTED? IF YOU HAVE NOT, THEN
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THE SEALS.

THERE are seven seals brought prominently to view in the Scriptures as here briefly described.

1. **The Seal of the Law.** Ex. 20:8-10; Ezekiel 20:12, 20. The fourth commandment is the only one of all the ten, in which is found both the name and the title of the Lawgiver. It is the attestation of the author upon His Law. If we keep the Sabbath holy we shall find it a means of our sanctification. If we do the duty of the day, we shall find it is the Lord that sanctifies us, makes us holy here, and prepares us to be happy, that is perfectly holy, hereafter. It is by this means that the Father's name is written in our "foreheads" and in our "hearts", as it is in the midst of his Law. In opposition and antagonistic to the Seal of the Law is:—

2. **The Seal of Apostasy** and mark of the papacy. Rev. 14:9. "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matt. 15:9.

3. **The Seal of the Spirit.** Eph. 1:13; 4:30.—A seal of redemption. In Rev. 9:4 it is called the "Seal of God."

4. **The Seal or "mark" of the Serpent** is given to those who sin against the Holy Spirit. Mark 3:29, 30. Against the reception of this mark we are warned in Rev. 14:11.

Note: Those who fail to receive the "seal of God," have grieved away the Spirit of God and henceforth will have the spirit of persecution, the mark of the Serpent, (John 8:44) as had Cain, or as the murderers of Christ (Rev. 1:7) or as the murderers of the Huguenots (A. D. 1572) and so the persecutors of "the remnant." Rev. 12:17.

5. **The Seal of Righteousness by Faith** on entering the "way of life." In the Old Covenant, circumcision. Gen. 17:11, Rom. 4:11. Baptism, Mark 16:16; 2 Pet. 3:21.

6. **The Seal of the Communion of Christ.** Matt. 26:28; 1 Cor. 10:16. God would have in our homes and in the church an altar of perpetual intercession and prayer (see Matt. 28:20), and with the congregation an altar of continual atonement (Matt. 26:27, 28), at which Jesus our High-priest stands ministering for the congregation, provided the people act in faith and are duly sanctified.

7. **The Seal of the Living God** delegated to the Church Militant. Rev. 7:2; Matt. 16:19; 18:15-18. The angel or messengers use this delegated power to bind and loose, and to shut heaven. Rev. 11:6.

The use of seals as an evidence and attestation of authority is of remote antiquity. Anciently the impress of a ring curiously engraved, when stamped upon documents, gave them the authority of its house or government who thus guaranteed their authenticity and execution.

Thus Pharaoh, Ahab, Ahasuerus and Darius had each a signet, and those who were intrusted with their seal, were delegated and invested with the authority of the king: their enactments, sealed with the king's seal, could "no man reverse." Gen. 41:42; 1 Kings 21:8; Esther 1:19; 3:10, 12; 8:8.

If the seal of government be not recognized by its subjects, there would be anarchy and confusion, and every man would

do "whatsoever is right in his own eyes."

The Lord having given to men wisdom and judgment, they have applied a fundamental principle of heaven to civil government. (Jer. 32:10, 44; Neh. 9:38). Furthermore, we observe that their covenants, made between man and man, were recognized by God. Eze. 17:12-19, and that He required of them a faithful performance of their vows and their sureties. Gen. 43:9. Thus also Christ became our Surety. Heb. 7:22.

In the covenant God made with man "the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal: God knoweth them that are His;" for every one that is faithful to his covenant vow to do all that the Lord has commanded, "departs from all iniquity," and Baptism and Communion with the blood of Christ becomes to him a Seal of the righteousness of faith. To provide a Saviour and a means of salvation, is God's part; to accept this Saviour, laying hold of the hope set before us, is ours. Those who refuse the way and means of salvation must perish; those who accept the great Covenant Sacrifice cannot perish, but shall have eternal life.

The Seal of the living God. Rev. 7:2. Christ in plain words delegated to the church His authority: "And I will give unto thee the Keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matt. 16:19.

But what are the conditions under which the church can use this Seal of the Living God?

The example of the woman having broken the law (John 8) affords us a lesson. The church had decided to follow out the letter of the law. Lev. 20:10. But those that are "reprovers in the gate," reprovers by office, magistrates and ministers, are required to "walk circumspectly," and be very regular in their manner of life. An elder must "be of good report" 1 Tim. 3:2, 7. The snuffers of the sanctuary were to be of pure gold. Ex. 37:23. Jesus read the true spirituality of the law when he said, "Thou hypocrite,"—that dost pretend to be an enemy to sin—"first cast out the beam out of thine own eye."

Had these men executed the law of Moses upon this woman of whom they knew not as yet whether she was incorrigible (past all reformation), they would have stood before the judgment seat of Christ as murderers, rather than as executors of God's vengeance. The judgment that we pass upon others, will be the judgment that God will pass upon us. Matt. 12:37; 7:1. That which charity teaches us to call a "mote in our brother's eye," true repentance and godly sorrow will teach us to call a "beam in our own." To disparage for eating with unwashed hands was scarce a mote, while bolstering up men in a contempt of their parents was a beam. (Matt. 15). Jesus said, "let him that is without sin cast the first stone." Therefore restore in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself (Gal. 6:1) what thou hast been, what thou art, and what thou wouldest be, if God would leave thee for some sin of ignorance or presumption that thou hast done.

Common sense as well as the Scriptures teach that we must not say, I have a

beam in mine own eye, and therefore I will not help my brother remove the mote out of his eye. "A man's offence will never be his defense;" but I must first reform myself, that I might thereby be able to reform my brother. I must prepare myself to reprove him. Ezra 7:10; Lev. 19:17.

With this understanding of the spirituality of the law of God, who would fail to understand Christ's instruction to his church militant?

"Moreover if thy brother trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" Matt. 18: 15-19. See references.

1. The church in Corinth acted wisely under Paul's instructions. They turned the fornicator out when he refused to hearken. 1 Cor. 5. But he afterwards repented and put away his sin; and Paul wrote, take him back: "lest Satan get an advantage of us." 2 Cor. 2. The commission given to the church 18: if any man do not worship God in the appointed way "cast him out of my sight" Jer. 15.

WHAT IS IT TO "EAT AND DRINK DAMNATION"?

"For where two or three are gathered together in my NAME there am I in the midst of them."

The Old Scriptures teach that those who met in the NAME of Christ, understood that His name was placed upon the altars that typified His death. See Ex. 20:24 and ref. Hence the children of Israel were required to give great attention to sanctification before partaking of the things of the altar. See 2 Chron. 29 and 30.

Under the New Covenant, the apostle writes "let a man examine himself" ("by the law and the testimony") "to see if he be in the faith." Without a public examination of all the congregation, one may come in unclean and defile the whole congregation (see Joshua 7), and thus not only prevent the reception of the Holy Spirit, but also open the way for another spirit to take possession of them. The Scriptures show that the Lord refuses to stand by unsanctified altars, Amos 5:21; and ref. Art. What is Bible Sanctification?

To come unprepared to the Lord's table, (the place of His name), is to count the blood of the covenant, wherewith we are sanctified, an unholy thing. Heb. 10:29. Such profane the holy institution, and in a measure crucify the Lord afresh. Instead of being cleansed by His blood, they are guilty of His blood: "for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

The Testimony of Jesus through the Spirit of Prophecy says, "I saw them [such unsanctified communicants as mentioned above] look up to the throne and pray, 'Father give us thy spirit.' Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence: in it there was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children. Exp. and Views, p. 47. These things were not written for the curious or unbelieving, but for God's children. The prophecies relative to these days show that the people on earth will be greatly decimated. My friends, I would like to tell you all the Scriptures and visions given us, in this Prospectus, but this I cannot do in this brief space, but will faithfully show you all things in the GOSPEL REVIEW, and what is required of us to prepare for these awful punishments that will be visited upon a disbelieving world. Read for yourself, and not another for you. I need means to send present truth into every home. Acts 16:9.